

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the method comprising:

a) creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction, wherein the viewport is moveable to any point on the display screen independent from the plurality of application windows;

b) associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; ~~and~~

c) displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information; and

d) capturing at least a portion of the hidden information displayed in the viewport as static information in the viewport.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a third application window obscures the hidden information within the second window.

3. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the displaying step (c) includes displaying a portion of the hidden information.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating step (a) includes providing an application viewport tool.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - (~~d~~) (e) relocating the viewport wherein a first portion of the display occupied by the viewport and displaying the hidden information is restored to a normal display of the first application window upon moving the viewport to a second portion of the display that is not contiguous with the first portion.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising:~~
 - ~~(d) capturing at least a portion of the hidden information displayed within the viewport~~ wherein the hidden information displayed within the viewport becomes invariant in response to a user interaction.
7. (previously amended) The method of claim 6 ~~further comprising the steps of:~~
 - (e) relocating the viewport from a first portion of the display to a second portion of the display; and
 - (f) continuing to display the invariant hidden information within the viewport.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the viewport can be resized.
9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the viewport includes a plurality of viewports.
10. (previously canceled)
11. (currently amended) A system for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the system comprising:
 - means for creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction, wherein the viewport is moveable to any point on the display screen independent from the plurality of application windows;
 - means for associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; ~~and~~
 - means for displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information; and
 - means for capturing at least a portion of the hidden information displayed in the viewport as static information in the viewport.

12. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein a third application window obscures the hidden information within the second window.

13. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the displaying means includes means for displaying a portion of the hidden information.

14. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the creating means includes means for providing an application viewport tool.

15. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising:
means for relocating the viewport wherein a first portion of the display occupied by the viewport and displaying the hidden information is restored to a normal display of the first application window upon moving the viewport to a second portion of the display that is not contiguous with the first portion.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 ~~further comprising:~~
~~means for capturing at least a portion of the hidden information displayed within the~~
~~viewport~~ wherein the hidden information displayed within the viewport becomes invariant in response to a user interaction.

17. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

means for relocating the viewport from a first portion of the display to a second portion of the display; and

means for continuing to display the invariant hidden information within the viewport.

18. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the viewport can be resized.

19. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the viewport includes a plurality of viewports.

20. (previously canceled)

21. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing program instructions for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the program instructions which when executed by a computer system cause the computer system to execute a method comprising:

a) creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction, wherein the viewport is moveable to any point on the display screen independent from the plurality of application windows;

b) associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; and

- c) displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information; and
- d) capturing at least a portion of the hidden information displayed in the viewport as static information in the viewport.

22. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein a third application window obscures the hidden information within the second window.

23. (previously amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein the displaying step (c) includes displaying a portion of the hidden information.

24. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein the creating step (a) includes providing an application viewport tool.

25. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21 further comprising:

~~(d)~~ (e) relocating the viewport wherein a first portion of the display occupied by the viewport and displaying the hidden information is restored to a normal display of the first application window upon moving the viewport to a second portion of the display that is not contiguous with the first portion.

26. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21 ~~further~~
comprising:

~~(d) capturing the hidden information displayed within the viewport~~ wherein the
hidden information displayed within the viewport becomes invariant in response to a user
interaction.

27. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 26 further
comprising:

~~(g)~~ (e) relocating the viewport from a first portion of the display to a second portion of
the display; and

~~(h)~~ (f) continuing to display the invariant hidden information within the viewport.

28. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein the viewport can
be resized.

29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein the viewport
includes a plurality of viewports.

30-32 (previously canceled)

33. (currently amended) A method for displaying hidden information on a display
screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the

plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the method comprising:

- a) creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction, wherein the viewport includes a minimize all button, and wherein the viewport is moveable to any point on the display screen independent from the plurality of application windows;
- b) associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction;
- c) displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information; and
- d) ~~capturing the hidden information displayed within the viewport wherein the hidden information displayed within the viewport becomes invariant in response to a user interaction~~ at least a portion of the hidden information displayed in the viewport as static information in the viewport.

34. (currently amended) A system for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the system comprising:

means for creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction, wherein the viewport includes a minimize all button, and wherein the viewport is moveable to any point on the display screen independent from the plurality of application windows;

means for associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction;

means for displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information; and

means for capturing ~~the hidden information displayed within the viewport wherein the hidden information displayed within the viewport becomes invariant in response to a user interaction~~ at least a portion of the hidden information displayed in the viewport as static information in the viewport.

35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) A The method of claim 1 ~~for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the method comprising:~~

- a) ~~creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction;~~
- b) ~~associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; and~~
- c) ~~displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information;~~ wherein movement of the viewport can be used to scroll information within the second window without making the second window active.

37. (currently amended) A The system of claim 11 ~~for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the system comprising:~~

~~means for creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction;~~

~~means for associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; and~~

~~means for displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information, wherein movement of the viewport can be used to scroll information within the second window without making the second window active.~~

38. (currently amended) A The computer readable medium of claim 21 ~~containing program instructions for displaying hidden information on a display screen, the display screen displaying a plurality of application windows, a first window of the plurality of application windows obscuring the hidden information within a second window of the plurality of application windows, the program instructions which when executed by a computer system cause the computer system to execute a method comprising:~~

~~a) — creating a viewport as a topmost window in response to a first user interaction;~~

~~b) — associating the second application window with the viewport in response to a second user interaction; and~~

e) ~~displaying the hidden information in the viewport whenever the viewport is positioned over the hidden information,~~ wherein movement of the viewport can be used to scroll information within the second window without making the second window active.

39-41. (canceled)